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SBP/JEL****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant: Hans-Peter WILD, et al.****Art Unit: 3721****Application No.: 09/690,409****Examiner: Tranh K. Truong****Filed: October 17, 2000****For: APPARATUS FOR APPLYING DRINKING STRAWS****Date: September 28, 2006****AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application. An appeal was made and With a one month extension of time submitted herewith, a response to the Office Action is due by October 14, 2006, and accordingly, this response is timely filed

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